HOUSE BILL No. 5650

(As amended March 7, 2006)
(As amended, March 23, 2006)

February 8, 2006, Introduced by Rep. Ward and referred to the Committee on House Oversight, Elections, and Ethics.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled

"Michigan election law,"

by amending section 477 (MCL 168.477), as amended by 1999 PA 219.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 477. (1) The board of state canvassers [<<STATE DIRECTOR
- 3 or insufficiency of a petition under this chapter at least 2 months
- 4 before the election at which the proposal is to be submitted. THE
- 5 [<<STATE DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS >>] SHALL DECLARE THE PETITION SUFFICIENT
- UNLESS [<<HE OR SHE>>] DETERMINES THAT THE PETITION IS NOT IN PROPER FORM
- 7 OR THAT THE NUMBER OF VALID SIGNATURES IS LESS THAN THE MINIMUM
- 8 NUMBER REQUIRED. IN DETERMINING THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE FORM OF THE

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are enacted into law:

(a) Senate Bill No. 973.

(b) Senate Bill No. 974.

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                    as amended March 23, 2006
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PETITION, THE [<<STATE DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS
CONSIDER THE
SUBSTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL AFFIXED TO THE PETITION. If the board of
state canvassers [<<STATE DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS
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declares that the
petition is sufficient, the secretary of state shall send copies of
the statement of purpose of the proposal as approved by the board
of state canvassers under section 474 to the several daily and
weekly newspapers published in this state, with the request that
the newspapers give as wide publicity as possible to the proposed
amendment or other question. Publication of any matter by any
newspaper under this section shall be without expense or cost to
the THIS state. - of Michigan.
     (2) For the purposes of the second paragraph of section 9 of
article II of the state constitution of 1963, a law that is the
subject of the referendum continues to be effective until the
referendum is properly invoked, which occurs when the board of
state canvassers [<<STATE DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS</pre>
                                                              >>1 makes
[<< its HIS OR HER>>
   ] official declaration of the sufficiency of the referendum
petition. The -board of state canvassers [<<STATE DIRECTOR OF
ELECTIONS
             >>] shall complete the canvass of a
referendum petition
within 60 days after the petition is filed with the secretary of
state, except that 1 15-day extension may be granted by the
secretary of state if necessary to complete the canvass.
     [<<Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take
effect unless all of the following bills of the 93rd Legislature
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- 27 (c) Senate Bill No. 975.
 - (d) Senate Bill No. 976.
 - (e) House Bill No. 5648.
 - (f) House Bill No. 5649.

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